

# An abstract of his Maiesties Letters Pattents

graunted to *George Wood*, for the sole Printing of *Lynnen-Cloath*  
as followeth.



HERE AS THE KINGS most Excellent Maiestie being in-

**V**formed of an inuention for printing vpon *Lynnen-cloath*, was gratioously pleased by his Highnes Letters Pattents bearing date the five and twentieth day of October now last past, in the Seuenteenth yeare of his Reaigne of England France and Ireland &c. And of Scotland the Thre and fiftieth. Did give and graunt by the said Letters Pattents vnto *George Wood* for the tearme of one and Twenty yeares full and sole licence, libertie, power, and authoritie, to vse, exercise, practise, & put in execution within his Dominions of England and Walles, the Printing of *Lynnen-cloath*, with an inhibition therein contained, that none other then the said *George Wood* his Deputies or Assignes should vse the same with Presse or Serew, or by force of Hand, or stroke of Hammer, or with any other Engine or Instrument whatsoeuer, that should leaue any impression of colour or colours behind it, or to buy sell vtter or put to saile within his Maiesties Realmes or Dominions or any parte of them any *Lynnen-cloath* knowing the same to be Printed by any person or persons other then the said *George Wood* his Executors Administrators Deputies Assignes or Seruants aswell vpon paine of forfeiture of all such *Lynnen-cloath* so printed to his Maiestie, as of all instruments and tooles vled or to be vled about the printing of the same and them to haue defaced and made vnuisfull as vpon payne of his Maiesties heaue indignation, and vpon such further paines and penalties and imprisonmentes as by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme can, or may be inflicted vpon the offenders, for their contempt & disobedience in breaking and contemning his Maiesties commaundement & Precognatiue Royall. And for the better execution of the said graunt and precognitiue, his Maiestie Did by the said Letters Pattents for him his Heires and Successors, give and graunt full and free Power and Authoritie vnto the said *George Wood* his Executors Administrators and Assignes that he the said *George Wood* his Executors Administrators and Assignes by himselfe or themselves or any of them or by his or their or any of their Deputies Factors or Seruants should or might from tyme to tyme and at all times, during the tearme aforesaid of Twenty and one yeares, with the assistance of a Constable or some other Officer to enter and goe into all and singular place and places where any probabilitie or likelihood might be for the finding out of the said offences and their to search for all such *Lynnen-cloath* as should be by any person or persons Printed bought or sold contrarie to the true intent and meaning of the said Letters Pattents. And that vpon the finding out of, and discouerie of all such offences it should and might be lawfull to and for the said *George Wood* his Executors Administrators and Assignes and Deputies aswell to seize take and cary away to the vse of his Maiestie his Heires and Successors all such *Lynnen-cloath* as shall be so Printed vttered or sold contrarie to the true meaning of the said Letters Pattents as also to seize and take all manner of Instrument tooles and implements vled and to be vled for the purposes aforesaid and the same to deface breake and make vnuisfull or otherwise to dispose of as he or they should thinke meete.

Therefore it is thought fitt, to give notice to all persons in generall of his Maiesties expresse commaundement. And if any hereafter shall haue occasion to vse any *Cloath* printed, and that the buyer and buyers may not incur his Maiesties displeasures, nor bring vpon themselves the paines penalties and imprisonment, that may be inflicted as aforesaid.

Therefore they may repaire to *Hunny Laine* in *Cheapside*, ouer against *Bowe Church*, where they shall be reasonably dealt withall for the buying of such things ready Printed, or for the Printing of them.

God saue the King.